**Minutes of the Huddersfield Bridge Club Committee Meeting held on 24th August 2022**

**Members Present**

Michael Robertson, Carrie Babington, David Ford, Liz Greensides, Sue Measures, Chris Pilling, Margaret Rhodes, Katie Thorpe, Ian Whitehead and Pat Whitehouse

**Apologies for Absence**

None

**Minutes of the previous Meetings**

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed by Michael Robertson

**Matters Arising**

*Fire Alarm Quote –* carried forward. The engineer is coming in the middle of September

*Insurance review –* we have saved £400 for another year

*Cleaner* – carried forward

*Disabled Ramp* – We have been offered a £500 ex gratia payment but have heard nothing after accepting. **Michael to chase up**.

*Hallway Decoration* – carried forward

*Window cleaner –* he’s been and cleaned the windows

*Trustees* *Update –* we are waiting to hear back from solicitors after providing information re trustee resignations. **Michael to chase up**

**Health & Safety Issues**

*Fire alarm test –* This should be done every week. **Katie** will determine how we do this with engineer in September and we will set up a system.

**Membership**

We have 154 paid members including 5 Honorary.

**Finance**

The cash balance stands at £50,273

**Premises**

Nothing

**Competitions/Teams Update Teams –**

We have entered 3 teams and have 32 players. There are 5 home match dates. Chris Pilling will organise the catering (sandwiches and cakes) and clearing up for the home matches utilising volunteers from the members. **Carrie** to provide dates.

**Members suggestions**

*Use of no 6 –* there was a suggestion about the use of No 6, building and garden -see any other business.

*Volunteers –* Personal approach might be better to ask for volunteers

*Budget –* **Katie** proposed we have a proper budget. **Michael** to arrange meeting with **Pat** and **Katie**

*Stairlift* – working intermittently, **Sue** and **Chris** will try to find the service document and/or perhaps arrange for a professional to come and explain the workings and let all users know the correct operation to ensure it remains charged.

*Rank and File spokesperson -* Chris wanted to be a spokesperson for the “rank and file” but this was voted against as committee felt all members should be encouraged to approach anyone at any time. There are no demarcations at HBC.

**Any Other Business**

*AGM Points -Communication, Incident/Suggestion Book –* the minutes and every email and website notice is to be put on the noticeboards in future. **Liz** and **Katie** to overhaul noticeboards and members book. **Sue** to ensure all website notices also displayed on noticeboards.

*TD/Scoring Duties Clarification -* **Liz** clarified first name on rota is TD with second name to assist in whatever way the TD requires.

*The Deaf Centre Premises –* The Deaf Centre are thinking of moving and selling their premises. It was suggested by Pam Cooper that the club may be interested in buying it. This is a huge issue about the future of the bridge club and premises being fit for purpose of members playing bridge. After a vote, that passed by a majority, it was decided the committee will consider all the pros and cons of moving from Cambridge Road at somepoint in the future to put a proposal to the members. **Michael** to arrange a working party.

*Next social bridge evening date – We* have decided on the 9th December

*No Partner Required Session –* We had a long discussion about “no partner required” sessions and reemphasised that members can contact **Margaret** if they require a partner for a session It was also decided it might be a good idea to have a noticeboard where people could leave post-it notes with their requirements and the note could be removed when a partner is found. We will also ask for volunteers to offer a no partner required session in an effort to increase attendance.

*Lessons Going Forward –* Denis understandably wishes to reduce his time commitment and will continue to teach improvers sometime in the future but not start a new beginners’ class. **Michael** in discussion with Dallas Cliff (U3A) has suggested a joint enterprise where we offer to teach beginners in the new year, with some volunteers to help. **David** suggested Thursday morning would be a good time with a natural progression to the relaxed session taking place at the same time. **Michael** to discuss with other local clubs so that they know there will be an opportunity for people to learn to play in the Huddersfield area and to see if they can help with teaching.

*Stocksmoor No Cash System -* it was decided against using the same system as Stockmoor

**Date of Next Meeting**

28th September 2022